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REMARKS

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1. The bulk of the troops departed from the Kindel (M 52/E 97) troop training grounds prior to 10 October 1952. Camp Kindel on Highway 84 was completely vacant, with no vehicles at the parking lots. Only Camp Mainzer Holz was still occupied. Part of the buildings were lighted on 10 October. There was little motor vehicle traffic on Highway 84 from and to the troop training grounds.¹
2. Two tank hulls [] 3 light guns, billeting equipment and 50X1-HUM about 150 soldiers were entrained at the Mechterstaedt railroad station on 10 October. The train departed toward Gotha at 2:45 p.m.²
3. At 10:15 a.m. on 9 October, 17 guns including 6 x 122-mm field howitzers and 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 13 trucks including some with boxlike superstructure []
[] 5 three-axle equipment cars and 2 prime movers with seats and about 350 soldiers and several uniformed women were entrained at the Eisenach freight station, coming from the Kindel troop training grounds.
4. During the period from 4 to 9 October, the east section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse, Weimar (M 51/J 57), was occupied by a rear detail of about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The middle section was occupied by about 500 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and about 100 uniformed women with black-bordered crimson epaulets. The hospital in the west section of the installation had 50X1-HUM about 350 patients. [] about 18 T-34 tanks [] in a garage.⁴ 50X1-HUM
5. During the period from 4 to 9 October, the Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse, Weimar, was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and motor transport insignia and by about 200 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. []

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6. During the period from 4 to 9 October, the Plak Kasarno on Etterstunger Strasse, Jelmur, was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Truck [] entered the installation.

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7. On 7 October 1952, three trains carrying a total of about 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 20 x 37-mm 14 guns and 60 trucks []

[] departed from the Jelmur railroad station, proceeding toward east. Another train departing from the station carried 6 x 85-mm A1 guns, 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 25 trucks []

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The train proceeded in the direction of Apolda. []

8. Material entrained in the area of the Forstziana railroad station north of Juetarboog (W 52/E 69) during the period from 4 to 6 October included:

4 October. At 9 p.m., numerous billeting equipment and 12 trucks with billeting equipment at the ramp in Forstziana and 3 tanks which had already been entrained [] were either T-34/85 tanks or T-34 tanks.

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5 October. At 8:30 a.m., billeting equipment on the ramp in Gruena while 14 boxcars were at the ramp. Billeting equipment on the ramp in Forstziana, 14 JSU-122 guns and 9 JSU-152 guns [] were also ready for entrainment.

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6 October. At 7 a.m., billeting equipment on the ramp in Forstziana which was loaded onto 22 boxcars. Four trucks [] stood nearby. Sixteen T-34/85 tanks [] were ready for entrainment. The ramp was empty at 5 p.m.

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1. [] Comment. [] departure of four trains which [] carried corps troops of the 33rd Gds Ritz Rifle Corps and elements of the 57th Gds Ritz Rifle Div to their posts. [] A total of 22 trains including 17 which went to the posts and 5 which went to the Dessau training area departed from Eisenach and/or Mechterstaedt during the period from 1 to 9 October. [] however about 20 trains carried these troops from Wiesenburg back to their posts on 16 and 17 October; large elements must have come to the Dessau-Wiesenburg training area by road. []

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2. [] Comment. Probably a train carrying elements of the 57th Gds Ritz Rifle Div. []

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3. [] Comment. [] There is reason to believe from the gun calibers that elements of the 38th (?) Army AT Arty Brig of the 81st Gds Army had been in Kindel and that these elements went to the Dessau training area on the train mentioned in the present report. []

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5. [redacted] Comment. As two other trains [redacted]
[redacted] arrived on 3 October, the increased occupation of the Tannenberg
Reserve is probably due to the return of elements of the 551st Port Regt
[redacted] of the 20th Gds Mecz Div previously stationed there. [redacted]

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6. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

7. [redacted] Comment. The return to Wittenberg of the 6th Gds Tank Div was
frequently confirmed. [redacted]

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